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Dear Mr. Duckett:

In an effort to reach a logical conclusion regarding the probable effectiveness of various deployment plans for the Nike-X System, the Army has been directed by Secretary McNamara to complete a major study by the fall of 1964. The Army calls this program the Nike-X Threat Analysis Study.

In order to provide guidance to this effort, a Review Board is being created so that the study will have the benefit of the best judgment available to the government. I plan to act as Chairman of this Board, and I would be pleased to have you join me as a member. A list of proposed additional members is attached along with a more detailed summary of the responsibilities of the group.

Our first meeting is proposed for January 3, 1964, and will follow the attached agenda. You will receive program plans, organization details, and a brief summary of the personnel now engaged in the study prior to the meeting. Our first business, as the agenda suggests, will be to review the organization, planning, and proposed content of the study. A copy of the first quarterly project report will also be sent to you prior to the meeting.

I hope that you can join the Board. With your help, I'm certain that we can insure the development of data and analyses on which reasoned decisions can be reached concerning the deployment of an anti-missile defense system.

Very sincerely yours,

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